Jean-Paul Sartre

Jean Paul Satre was born on June 21st, 1908 and died on April 15, 1980. He was a French existentialist philosopher, playwright, novelist, screenwriter, political activist, biographer and literacy critic. His work influenced sociology, critical theory, literacy studies and other factors. Sartre was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1964, but refused it saying that he always declined official honors and that "a writer should not allow himself to be turned into an institution.” Sartre's main idea is that people, as humans, are "condemned to be free."